

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph from page 2, line 7, through page 2, line 16, with the following paragraph:

Servers often must communicate with one or more other servers. These servers may have host bus adapters for bus interfaces that connect one server to another, as well as connecting each server to storage. There is a need for a server using a Fibre Channel host bus adapter (HBA) to configure and update Fibre Channel host bus adapters on other servers attached to a Fibre Channel loop or fabric. Although proprietary remote management protocols, such as Emulex's ~~HBAnywhere~~ HBAnyware, exist, there is no remote management protocol for local host bus adapters to configure and update remote host bus adapters directly. This limits flexibility in system designs, and requires system administrators to connect to each server independently to configure and update that server's host adapters.